

**Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
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**Waivers of KRS 164.202(18)
For Submission of New Degree Programs**

The CEO asked for regular reports regarding institutions that choose to adopt a waiver of the standards of KRS 164.020 (18) in order to implement new degree programs. The statutes establish the Council's responsibility to approve the offering of new degree programs (KRS 164.020(14)) and also limit an institution's eligibility for new degree programs (KRS 164.020(18)) by the requirement that an institution meet its equal opportunity objectives.

The Council has authority to grant a temporary waiver of the requirements of KRS 164.020(18). Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:060 establishes criteria for determining an institution's compliance with equal opportunity objectives and for the granting of a temporary waiver to a state-supported postsecondary education institution that has not met its objectives.

The Council has been notified that a quantitative waiver has been adopted for the following institutions entitling each institution to request Council approval to implement new degree programs under the waiver provision:

- o The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents for Gateway Community and Technical College (3.11.05), Owensboro Community and Technical College (6.10.05), and Hazard Community and Technical College (9.30.05).
- o The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees adopted a waiver for the University of Kentucky (9.21.05).

Copies of the waiver details are included as attachments to this report. A summary report of the number of programs implemented under each waiver provision will be given at the February 2006 meeting.

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